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For: TAPERED TUBING FOR USE IN EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT FOR  
PERIPHERAL VEIN FLUID REMOVAL

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 11, 2006, (for which petition is hereby made for a two month extension of time, less one month previously paid on November 21, 2006), please amend the above-identified application as follows: